

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for assessing a vulnerability in an image having a file and a configuration setting, comprising:

providing access to the image to allow the configuration setting to be manipulated;

identifying the vulnerability in the image; and

eliminating the vulnerability in the image by manipulating the configuration setting or file;

wherein providing access to the image to allow the configuration setting to be manipulated includes providing access to the image in a manner that allows the configuration setting to be changed by modifying a portion of the image that is associated with a configuration database in which the configuration setting is stored.

2. (Original) A method for assessing a vulnerability in an image as recited in claim 1 wherein providing access to the image to allow the configuration setting to be manipulated further includes providing access to the file and the configuration setting.

3. (Currently amended) A method for assessing a vulnerability in an image as recited in claim 1 wherein eliminating the vulnerability in the image [[by]] further includes updating the configuration setting.

4. (Original) A method for assessing a vulnerability in an image as recited in claim 1 wherein eliminating the vulnerability in the image further includes modifying the file.

5-25. (Canceled)